

Subject of Investigation:

Date of Investigation:

American Louver Co.
7700 Austin Ave.
Skokie, Ill., 60077

8-5-80

Ref. U.S.E.P.A. Reconnaissance Inspection Report of 6-18-80

Originated by: Main Office ☐
Trt. Plant ☐ Clean Streams ☐
Other ☐ Local Authority ☐

Type of Complaint:

Waterway ☐ Sewer ☐ Other ☒

Drum storage area.

Supervisor Assigned:

R. Day, PCO II

Person

Date

Time

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Water Samplers:

Sample ☒

Photographs ☐

Additional Information Attached ☐

INVESTIGATION: The U.S.E.P.A. requested an inspection at the American Louver Co. as a follow up of inspection they made about a month ago. The E.P.A. investigation found 50 drums of waste hydraulic oil and urethane on the property of the American Louver Co. The following is the report of the investigation made by R. Day, PCO II, on 8-5-80.

Contact was made with Mr. Gordon B. Knight, Vice Pres. of Operations at the American Louver Co. A drum count was made during the investigation and 94 drums of used hydraulic oil and 57 drums of waste varnish-laquer sludge were found stored in an outdoor area at the northwest corner of the plant. Seepage from some of the leaking drums is on the ground in the drum storage area with some runoff to the storm sewer system. A sample for F.O.G. was obtained during the investigation.

Mr. Knight reported that the company had been on vacation for the past two weeks and had just begun operation again on 8-4-80. He also reported that he had contacted a company known as Water Treatment, of St. Louis, Mo. (618-271-2372) to remove the drums stored on the company property. However, as yet, no action on removal of the drums has been made. The company develops 7 gallons of waste varnish/laquer sludge per day.

Mr. Knight was informed at the inspection that he must contact the Main Office for a supply of sludge forms prior to removal of the drums.

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